

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government would take a decision in the matter only after receipt of any specific proposal from the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Gratuity of Employees of M/s Jessop

3109. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that about 2000 employees of M/s Jessop are yet to get their gratuity since 1992;

(b) whether payment of statutory liability like gratuity can be kept at abeyance till finalisation or otherwise of revival scheme as per payment of gratuity Act;

(c) if not, the action taken by his Ministry to ensure payment of gratuity to workers of Jessop and other Central Public Sector Undertakings; and

(d) the accountability of authorities responsible for implementation of statutory Acts like payment of gratuity Act etc?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes Sir. Due to cash losses from 1990-91 onwards the company has not been able to pay gratuity dues to 2294 retired employees of M/s Jessop and Co. Ltd. from June, 1993.

(b) to (d). Under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the responsibility for payment of gratuity vests in the employer. An employee can make an application for delayed payment of gratuity to the controlling authority for necessary action. The controlling authority, after necessary enquiry, issues a certificate to the collector for recovery of the gratuity payable to the employee, who is required to collect the same as arrears of land revenue. Non-payment of gratuity is a punishable offence.

However according to the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act (SICA) during the currency of proceedings of a sick company in the BIFR, no prosecution can be launched by the Government against the defaulting units except with the consent of BIFR. M/s Jessop & Company is a sick company registered with BIFR.

[Translation]

#### Doordarshan Projects in Uttar Pradesh

3110. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Doordarshan projects under construction/completed in Uttar Pradesh till date;

(b) the present position of the said projects;

(c) the number of proposals pending with the Union Government alongwith the details of action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal for the construction of buildings of all the Doordarshan Kendras in the State;

(e) if so, the allocations made in this regard; and

(f) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The details of the Doordarshan projects under implementation/completed in Uttar Pradesh alongwith their present position are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) High Power Transmitters (HPTs) at Lakhimpur and Jalaun and Very Low Power TV transmitters (VLPTs) at Tokhri and Nandprayag are envisaged to be set up depending upon availability of resources and infrastructural facilities.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

#### STATEMENT

*Location-wise details of TV Projects both Existing as well as under Implementation in Uttar Pradesh (As on 10.12.1996)*

Existing	Under Implementation
1	2
<i>Programme Production Centres (PPCs) :</i>	
Lucknow	Mau*
Gorakhpur	Allahabad#
Bareilly	Mathura#
	Varanasi#
<i>HPTs :</i>	
Agra	Banda (Expected to be
Allahabad	completed in about
Bareilly	3 years time after
Gorakhpur	approval of RCR)
Kanpur	
Lucknow	
Mau	
Mussoorie	
Varanasi	
<i>LPTs :</i>	
Akbarpur	Almora#